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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPECIAL AWARDS BY US/UK EDUCATIONAL
COMMISSION 1977/78

1. CAO WHO CHAIRS COMMISSION HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT
PROGRAM PROPOQAL FOR 1977/78 APPROVED AT COMMISSION
MEETING FEBRUARY 11TH. WHILE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS
HE DID NOT MAKE SUBJECT MATTER FOR COMMISSION DEBATE,
CAO QUESTIONS PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL AWARDS
SPECIFICALLY ALLOTING FOUR SETS OF SENIOR FELLOWSHIPS
FOR THREE YEARS.

2. IN SELECTIMN PROCEDURE JUST COMPLETED, NINE
FELLOWSHIPS OF TOTAL OF FOURTEEN WERE ASSIGNED AS
SPECIAL AWARDQ. 1977/78 ENVISAGES A DECLINE TO SIX.
EVEN SO, REAL DANGER EXISTS OF VITIATING PRINCIPLE OF
OPEN COMPETITION WITH POSSIBILITY OF LESS QUALIFIED
SPECIAL AWARDS TAKING PRECEDENCE OVER BETTER CANDIDATES.
CAO RECOMMENDS THAT SPECIAL AWARDS IN 1977/78 PROGRAM
BE REDUCED TO TWO YEARS AND THAT CAUTIONARY LETTER
ISSUE FROM CU MENTIONING BOTH DURATION OF SPECIAL
AWARDS AND TIGHTENED GUIDELINES ON OUTSIDE REFEREES
WHO SHOULD NUMBER AT LEAST THREE IF NOT FIVE.

3. EVERY MEASURE MUST BE TAKEN TO AVOID EVEN
SLIGHTEST APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS IN
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ASSIGNING SPECIAL AWARDS. A TIGHTENING OF VETTING

PROCEDURES WOULD HELP.

4. FYI. UPON RESIGNATION OF PROFESSOR ROSE AND
MR. HERFURT FROM THE COMMISSION, MR. WILLIAM WOESSNER

COUNSELLOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AND MRS. CHARLES
WINTOUR, B.A., RADCLIFFE, WERE APPOINTED IN THEIR
PLACES.

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